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Johannes C. van der Laan et al.

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 27, 2000, enclosed please find the following documents: Amendment and Petition for a Three Month Extension of Time and fee of \$890.00.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 07-1048 (Docket No. GC329-US3). A duplicate of this paper is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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